

# Green Crescent Primary School

Green Academy, Queensberry Street, Basford, Nottingham, NG6 0DG

## Inspection dates

30 October 2013

## Reason for inspection

The inspection was undertaken by Ofsted at the request of the Registration Authority, following concerns reported by a fire officer about the school's new premises. A fire officer has issued the school with a 'Notice of Deficiencies', which outlines actions that the school must take to improve fire safety. The inspection was carried out to review the school's compliance with the regulations related to the management of pupils' welfare, health and safety, and the management of the premises and accommodation of the school. This inspection visit also checked whether the accommodation would be suitable for the school's request to increase pupil numbers to 100.

## Conclusions

The school fails to fully comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Therefore, regulatory requirements are not met. The school has received a Notice of Fire Safety Deficiencies from the Nottinghamshire & City of Nottingham Fire Authority, following a visit from a fire officer on 16 October 2013. The Notice states that the school is required to address the issues raised, by 18 December 2013.

School leaders have wasted no time in beginning to address the required fire safety improvements and made arrangements for a fire risk assessment to be undertaken as a matter of priority. A risk assessment was conducted by a suitably qualified professional on 18 October 2013 and it identifies a number of improvements that should be made to reduce the risk of fire at the premises. Leaders have already organised for a professional company to check all of the fire doors, and have replaced doors as recommended. All gangways are free from obstructions and fire exit doors are kept clear. Pupils were observed learning in spacious classrooms, with clear access to fire escape routes. Despite the improvements made by school leaders, a number of actions are still required to meet regulations. The school has not yet banned the use of portable heaters or reviewed the emergency lighting on escape routes, in stairwells and in toilets, as recommended. Although there is a fully functioning fire alarm system, it is not yet clear whether the alarm meets the latest safety requirements. The school has arranged for a suitably qualified engineer to check this, to install a battery back-up system in case of power failure, to arrange a servicing and maintenance contract and to consider options for a new upgraded fire alarm system.

The proprietor has made significant efforts to improve the standard of the school's accommodation and facilities. However, some work remains to ensure that the facilities are maintained to a sufficient standard to ensure the health, safety and welfare of pupils, as far as is reasonably practical. Walls and painted surfaces are in a poor state of repair with peeling paint or missing tiles in some classrooms and in the toilets and the food servery area. Although there is warm running water in some areas of the school, including

in the pupils' toilets, some sinks, including the sink close to the first aid/medical treatment area do not have warm running water. Some glass panels in the school are cracked or chipped and there are damaged and missing ceiling tiles in some areas of the school. There are sufficient numbers of toilets for boys and girls, which are separate from toilets for adults. However, lighting in the toilets is damaged or not working, meaning that there is insufficient light. A number of taps in the toilets are poorly maintained and are leaking or dripping, and there are insufficient numbers of toilet rolls or washing pots for pupils in the toilets.

Leaders demonstrate an eagerness to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements at the earliest opportunity. If the school takes action to address the unmet regulatory requirements, the school buildings and grounds would be suitable to accommodate 100 pupils.

### Compliance with regulatory requirements

#### **The school requires improvement and must take action to meet The Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2010 ('the Regulations'), and associated requirements**

##### **Welfare, health and safety**

- The school should comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Paragraph 13

##### **Premises and accommodation of schools**

- The proprietor should ensure that the school's accommodation and facilities are maintained to a sufficient standard to ensure the health, safety and welfare of pupils, as far as is reasonably practical. Paragraph 23C
- The proprietor should ensure that the lighting in each room is suitable. Paragraph 23E(a)

## Inspection team

Jeremy Spencer, Lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

## Information about this school

- This is a non-selective school which promotes a Muslim ethos. All pupils attending the school originate from Muslim families, but the school is happy to accept pupils from any faith.
- The school admits children in the Early Years Foundation Stage through to Year 6. Pupils in the Early Years Foundation Stage are educated on the school's site at Leen Place. Pupils in Years 1 to 6 are now educated on the school's new site on Queensberry Street, Basford. This report only takes into account the new site for pupils in Years 1 to 6.
- The new site is located in a two-storey building, which was previously a local authority maintained school. The school is situated in a residential area, adjacent to a mosque. The building is currently being refurbished and pupils are being educated in the upstairs classrooms.
- There are currently 52 pupils on roll in Years 1 to 6. No pupils have a statement of special educational needs.
- The school's aims include raising the children to be: 'committed balanced Muslims; knowledgeable scholars; and contributing citizens and community builders.'

## School details

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<b>DfE registration number</b>	891/6074
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<b>Type of school</b>	Muslim Primary School
<b>School status</b>	Independent School
<b>Age range of pupils</b>	4–11 years
<b>Gender of pupils</b>	Mixed
<b>Number of pupils on the school roll</b>	23
<b>Proprietor</b>	Abdullah Khan
<b>Headteacher</b>	Mutiullah Khan
<b>Date of previous school inspection</b>	23 November 2011
<b>Annual fees (day pupils)</b>	£1,500
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